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Press Note

Dear Editor Sir/Madam

**Tribal Welfare Students from PVTGs on top of 18,200 feet Mountain**

I never imagined that I would go to college and went on to become a mountaineer, said Ms. Maheshwari from Tribal Welfare Residential junior college, Hayath Nagar. I would have ended up as a victim of early child marriage, if not for tribal welfare residential schools and colleges. I felt very proud that I hoisted the Indian flag on the top of the 18,200 feet Lakpakanchy mountain in Sikkim, said Maheshwari with tears rolling down on her cheeks. Unfurling the Indian tricolour is a great honour and privilege which I can't express in words, she added. I got inspired by Malavath Poorna's expedition to Mt. Everest, Mt. Kilimanjaro and Mt. Elbrus" and she is a role model for millions of poor tribal girls like me" says Maheshwari.

12 students hailing from Particularly Vulnerable Tribal Groups (PVTGs) travelled a long way from remote tribal hamlets in Adilabad to the top of the Lakpakanchy mountain peak in Sikkim. The successful conquest of the mountain by the students from Telangana Tribal Welfare Residential Gurukulam Institutions is a compelling story of grit and never give up attitude in the face of abject poverty. The 12 member team consisting of 4 girls and 8 boys conquered the mountain on Friday and they created a history of sorts by being first contingent of students from the primitive tribal communities from Telangana state.

In recent years, Tribal Welfare Residential Educational Institutions Society (TTWREIS) students have been making their footprints not only in mountaineering, but also in academics by getting admitted into the prestigious institutions of higher learning including University of Delhi, Indian Maritime University, IITs, NITs and medical colleges. 35 tribal students got admitted into the top colleges of Delhi University this alone. The students conclusively proved to the world that poverty is not an impediment to success, if one has the will to make it big in life.

Secretary Dr RS Praveen Kumar congratulated the team members and said it is truly remarkable that even students from the PVTG communities excelling in mountaineering. Dr Kumar thanked Mr. Mahesh Dutt Ekka, Principal Secretary, Tribal Welfare for his unstinted support.